GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN TOURS BY MINISTER
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign tours undertaken by him and the details of agreements signed in those countries during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent on the aforesaid foreign tours; and

(c) the achievements accrued from the aforesaid tours?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (c) As per Annexure.

(b) An amount of Rs.6,88,878/- was spent by the Ministry on the visits of the Minister (C&F) during 1998, 1999 & 2000.

ANNEXURE

Statement showing the Details with regard to the foreign tours undertaken by the Hon`ble Minister(Chemicals & Fertilizers) during 1998, 1999 & 2000

Sl.No.	Name of the Minister (C&F)	Name of the Country visited.	Purpose / achievement of the visit	Details of agreement signed.
1.	Sh.S.S. Barnala (from 29.8.98 to 01.9.98, excluding journey time.)	Muscat (Oman)	To accompany the Prime Minister as part of the PM's delegation and also to hold bilateral discussions regarding Indo-Oman Fertilizer Project with H.E. Maqbool Sultan, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Oman.	No Agreement was signed
2.	Sh.S.S. Barnala (From 10.11.98 to 15.11.98, including journey time)	Dakar (Senegal) and Paris (France)	For Laying foundation stone ceremony for expansion project of Industries Chimques Du Senegal, joint venture of IFFCO.	-do-
3.	Sh. Suresh P. Prabhu (From 22.11.99 to 24.11.99, excluding journey time)	Muscat (Oman)	To discuss the settlement of outstanding issues relating to Indo- Oman Fertilizer Project and other matters of mutual interest with Sultanate of Oman.	-do-
4.	Shri Suresh P. Prabhu Former M(C&F)	Vienna (Austria) from 29/03/2000 to 01/04/2000	To discuss UNIDO`s Cooperation	-do-

			in Chemicals & Fertilizer Sector and identification of more areas ofcooperation between India and UNIDO in India`s Industrial development projects.	
			Exposure on reforms Process being carried out by UNIDO and their capability of promoting environmentally sustainable and clean technologies in the Chemicals & Fertilizer Sectors.	
5.	Shri Suresh P. Prabhu Former M(C&F)	Switzerland, UK & USA from 23/05/2000 to 10/06/2000	The India- Chem- 2000 was a useful forum for discussing various issues connected with R&D, invest ment, e- commerce and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). The conference had 18 sessions which were addressed by 69 speakers from India and abroad. One of the highlights was a Policy Round Table of the participating Chief Executive Officers with top government officers at Secretary level which enabled discussions on major policy matters and policy initiatives. Besides useful interection with Economists,scientists, Members of the Indian Community Including entrepreneurs, academicians and Research Scientists and Indian Associations was made. Discussions with International financial Institutes were also held on the issue of their involvement in projects related to research, infrastructure and new developments in the areas of chemical & petrochemicals.	-do-